

Key Highpoints to Email to Marcel Black (and Senate Judiciary Committee members)

I. SB 433 Background

The bill is pending in the Senate judiciary committee. The bill's sponsor is Roger Bedford. The bill has already had its first reading in the senate judiciary committee.

II. Marcel Black Background:

(This bill is not in Marcel's committee...he is on the house judiciary committee and the bill is pending in the senate judiciary committee). We want to give Marcel Black a heads up about the Senate SB 433 bill.

Marcel is the COC contact and sponsors the COC bills. He is Head of the House Judiciary Committee. He is our friend, so don't be rude to him. He is not the sponsor of the Street Gang Bill.

The Street Gang Bill is in the **Senate Judiciary Committee**. And if it passes the senate it will be sent over to Marcel Black's judiciary committee in the house. The email to Marcel is a heads-up email to him to let him know that if the Senate passes the bill, it will be sent to his Committee and you object to this bill.

III. Key points to tell Marcel.

1. You are a COC member.
2. Thank him for sponsoring the COC legislation for making it a crime for Failure to Yield Right of Way and giving motorcycle riders the ability to turn on weight sensitive triggered red lights.
3. Make a definite statement that your motorcycle club is not a criminal organization and you object to that possibility.
4. Carbon Copy your email to the Alabama Confederation of Clubs.

IV. The reasons for our objections:

(This is used for any communication with any legislator.)

1. We support the purpose of the bill but we object to the overreaching powers obtained within the bill to the extent that it effects unattended lawful associations.

2. The overreaching power granted in this bill suppresses freedom of expression and the right to associate.
3. The power granted in this bill grants unfettered power to law enforcement to classify non-street gang associations as criminal organizations without due process of law.
4. Specifically section 4(a) removes all burdens of proof and thereby eliminates all legitimate defenses available to legal lawful non-street gang associations.
5. There is no provision for an association that is unjustifiably classified as a criminal organization to contest that designation.
6. SECTION 6(a)(4) – The bill is so broad that it would make it unlawful (if our organization was unjustifiably classified as a street gang) for us to contact you as our public servant to amend these type of statutes if we were classified as a street gang.
7. The bill is vague as it relates to definite definitions for criminal intent or criminal syndicates.

Don't just cut and paste the above into your email. If your writing skills aren't at the top of the class, have someone in your club draft an email that you can use. You can express the above points without having to list them numerically.

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